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I'VE GOT TO CALL THE TV STATION I WORK FOR AND GET THEM DOWN HERE ON THE DOUBLE WITH A CAMERA CREW!
Phone
SOON...
STATION KSF... LINDA DANVERS SPEAKING...
LINDA DANVERS? BUT I ALWAYS SUSPECTED LINDA DANVERS OF BEING SUPERGIRL...
--UH-HELLO, LINDA... THIS IS NASTHALTHIA...I--ER--HAVE SOMETHING HOT TO REPORT...
COMPLETING HER DESCRIPTION OF THE BIZARRE HAPPENINGS SHE HAS JUST WITNESSED, NASTHALTHIA AGAIN PONDERS LINDA'S TRUE IDENTITY...
I WAS POSITIVE LINDA WAS SUPERGIRL...
BUT EVEN SUPERGIRL COULDN'T BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE-- ROBBING AN ART GALLERY AND ANSWERING THE TELE-PHONE IN THE OFFICE WHERE WE BOTH WORK...
APRRRR
BAR
NOW I'M REALLY CONFUSED!
AAARRRR
POLICE
NASTY'S THOUGHTS ARE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED BY A PIERCING SCREAM--
EEEK!
ONE OF THOSE BUGS IS ATTACKING THAT POLICEMAN!
GREAT SCOTT! WHAT IF THOSE STRANGE INSECTS ARE POISONOUS...

MEANWHILE, RESPONDING TO NASTHALTHIA'S TELEPHONE REPORT...
WE MAY GET A REAL SCOOP ON THIS STORY, GEOFF-- AND IF NASTHALTHIA WAS RIGHT ABOUT SUPERGIRL TURNING CRIMINAL...
RIGHT, JOHNNY--THAT WOULD BE NEWS! BUT SOMEHOW I CAN'T BUY THE IDEA THAT SUPERGIRL SUDDENLY GOES BAD--DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
SF-TV
...BUT JUST THINK HOW DIFFICULT IT WOULD BE TO CATCH A SUPER-HUMAN LIKE HER IF IT WERE TRUE-- SHE EVEN HAS A SECRET IDENTITY!
OH, COOL IT, JOHNNY! I KNOW WHO SUPERGIRL DISGUISES HERSELF AS...
Y-YOU DO, GEOFF?...
SURE I DO! YOU'RE THE MIGHTY COSTUMED HEROINE, LINDA... SO WHY DON'T YOU CONFESS?
HAW HAW HAW!
HUH? ...OH,... HEH, HEH!
HAW!
LITTLE LINDA- SUPERGIRL? OH HO HO HO HO!
HAW, HAW!
WHEW! GEOFF AND HIS CORNY JOKES!
I THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT THERE HE HAD FOUND OUT THAT I'M REALLY SUPERGIRL!
HUH! LOOK AHEAD, GEOFF!
GOOD LORD! IT LOOKS LIKE HALF THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO TURNED OUT FOR THIS LITTLE SHOW!
HEY, YOU GUYS... IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP!
ONE WAY
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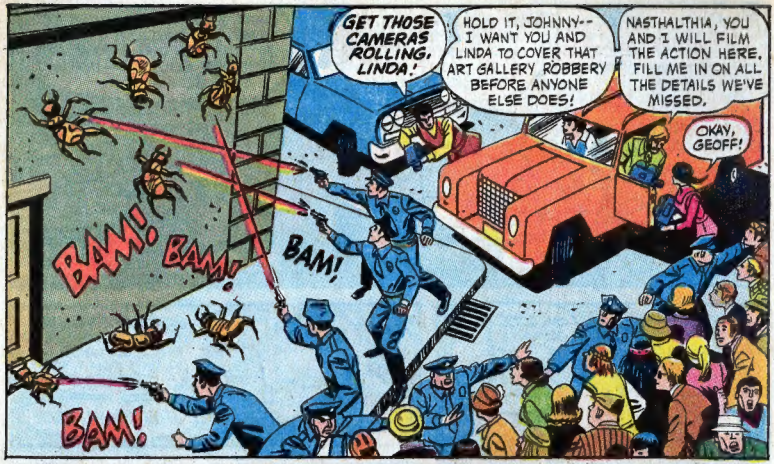
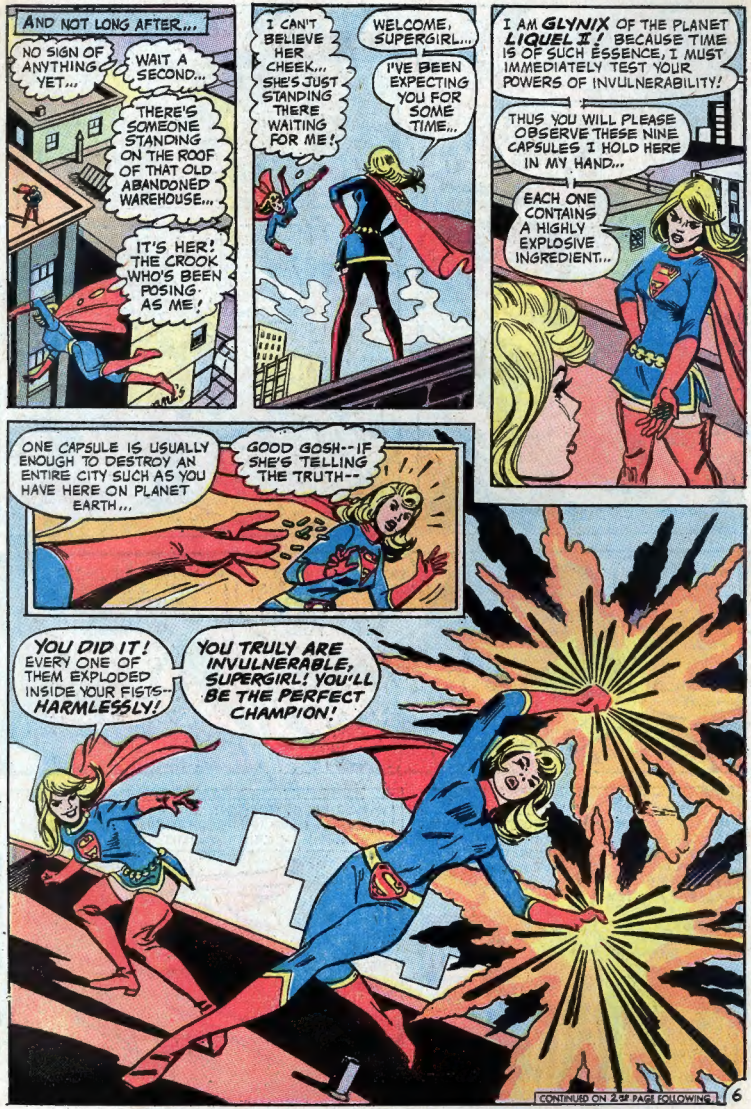

GET THOSE CAMERAS ROLLING, LINDA!
HOLD IT, JOHNNY-- I WANT YOU AND LINDA TO COVER THAT ART GALLERY ROBBERY BEFORE ANYONE ELSE DOES!
NASTHALTHIA, YOU AND I WILL FILM THE ACTION HERE. FILL ME IN ON ALL THE DETAILS WE'VE MISSED.
OKAY, GEOFF!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!

YOU HEARD "THE GREAT WHITE FATHER" SPEAK, LINDA! LET'S GO!
K
SFTV
RIGHT, JOHNNY!

WE'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT THOSE INSECTS LATER!
ANYWAY, THE POLICE SEEM TO HAVE THEM WELL UNDER CONTROL...
HI, THERE, GENTLEMEN! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS ?
YOU MEAN... TV ?

AHEM! WHY, GO RIGHT AHEAD, YOUNG MAN! I GUESS IT IS BIG NEWS WHEN YOU'VE HAD A PRICELESS PAINTING STOLEN BY SUPERGIRL!
THANK GOODNESS IT WAS INSURED!
HEY, SARGE... SHE'S DONE IT AGAIN!

WE JUST GOT A REPORT ON THE RADIO... SUPERGIRL HELD UP AN ARMORED TRUCK ON WATER STREET.
GREAT GUNS! ANOTHER ROBBERY BY SUPERGIRL!
LET'S GET OVER THERE QUICK!
SOMEBODY'S MASQUERADING AS SUPERGIRL, AND GIVING ME A BAD REPUTATION!
I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS. BUT I CAN'T RUN OUT ON THIS ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION. SO THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...
SOMETIME LATER...
YOU FINISHED THE ART GALLERY FILMING ALREADY, JOHNNY?
WITH LINDA'S HELP I DID! I NEVER IN MY LIFE SAW ANY-ONE WORK AS FAST AS THAT KID! SHE'S ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!
AND WHERE'S THE WHIZ KID NOW?
SHE SAID SHE HAD SOME SHOPPING TO DO, SO I GRACIOUSLY PERMITTED HER TO TAKE THE AFTERNOON OFF!
VERY DECENT OF YOU, OLD BOY, ONLY I WISH YOU'D REMEMBER THAT I'M TOP MAN AROUND HERE!
YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER STORY TO COVER OVER ON WATER STREET, JOHNNY! DIDN'T YOU HEAR ABOUT SUPERGIRL...
...ROBBING AN ARMORED TRUCK? OF COURSE I DID! SO WHY CAN'T I HANDLE THE ASSIGNMENT ALONE? AFTER ALL, I'M ABOUT THE GREATEST CAMERAMAN THAT EVER--
YOU'LL BE THE GREATEST EX-CAMERAMAN IF YOU DON'T GET MOVING!
MEANWHILE, HAVING NOW SHED HER LINDA DANVERS DISGUISE, SUPERGIRL SETS OUT AFTER HER CRIMINAL IMITATOR...


AND NOT LONG AFTER...
NO SIGN OF ANYTHING YET...
WAIT A SECOND...
THERE'S SOMEONE STANDING ON THE ROOF OF THAT OLD ABANDONED WAREHOUSE...
IT'S HER! THE CROOK WHO'S BEEN POSING AS ME!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HER CHEEK... SHE'S JUST STANDING THERE WAITING FOR ME!
WELCOME, SUPERGIRL...
I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU FOR SOME TIME...
I AM GLYNIX OF THE PLANET LIQUEL II! BECAUSE TIME IS OF SUCH ESSENCE, I MUST IMMEDIATELY TEST YOUR POWERS OF INVULNERABILITY!
THUS YOU WILL PLEASE OBSERVE THESE NINE CAPSULES I HOLD HERE IN MY HAND...
EACH ONE CONTAINS A HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE INGREDIENT...
ONE CAPSULE IS USUALLY ENOUGH TO DESTROY AN ENTIRE CITY SUCH AS YOU HAVE HERE ON PLANET EARTH...
GOOD GOSH--IF SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH--
YOU DID IT! EVERY ONE OF THEM EXPLODED INSIDE YOUR FISTS--HARMLESSLY!
YOU TRULY ARE INVULNERABLE, SUPERGIRL! YOU'LL BE THE PERFECT CHAMPION!
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MOM--MY PARTY DRESS IS BEAUTIFUL - BUT MY HANDS... BLAH!

GOSH, MOM-- IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO BEFORE MY PARTY?

I THINK YOU SHOULD OPEN ONE OF YOUR PRESENTS EARLY.

"IT'S KENNER'S EASY CARE MANICURE SET!"

LET ME SHOW YOU - IT WORKS BY BATTERIES - HAS POWER ATTACHMENTS THAT FIT INTO HANDLE!

SMOOTHS NAILS...

SANDING DISK SHAPES NAILS

...AND BUFFS THEM.

SHAPES CUTICLES...

SAFE, TOO - IT STOPS IF TOO MUCH PRESSURE IS APPLIED!

EVEN HAS SOMETHING I DON'T HAVE ON MINE... A NAIL DRYER!

AND THE TWO BOTTLES OF POLISH ARE NON-TOXIC. IT STAYS ON 'TIL YOU WASH IT OFF!

OH, MOM, I LOVE IT... AND I'LL NEVER BITE MY NAILS AGAIN!

JUST BEFORE SUSAN'S PARTY...

SEE, SUSAN-- YOUR DRESS IS BEAUTIFUL ...AND SO ARE YOUR NAILS!

THANKS TO YOU, MOM-- AND KENNER'S EASY CARE!

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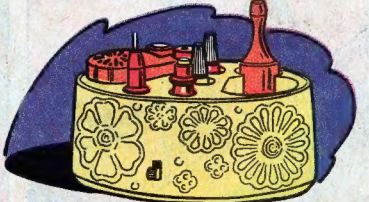
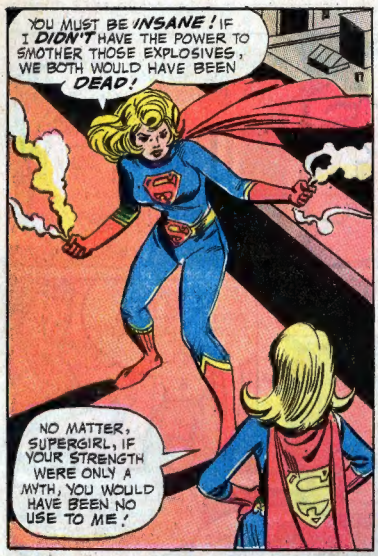
MANICURE SET

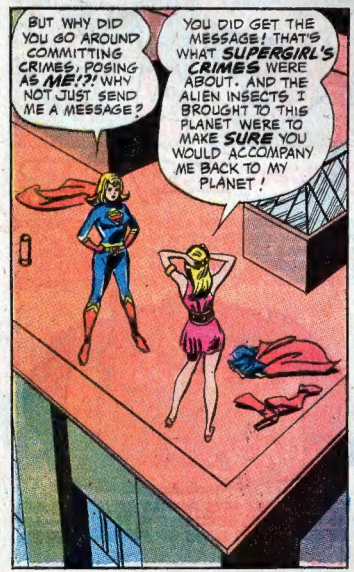
COMES COMPLETE WITH ACCESSORY HANDLE AND 5 POWER ATTACHMENTS...STYLISH CARRYING CASE HAS STORAGE COMPARTMENTS FOR EVERYTHING. ALSO INCLUDES 2 BOTTLES OF NON-TOXIC NAIL POLISH. USES TWO "D" BATTERIES (NOT INCLUDED).

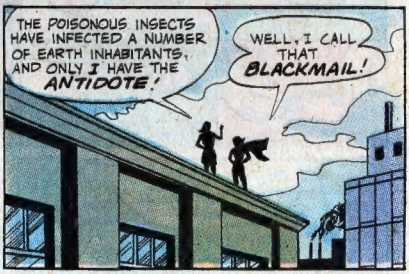


OTHER KENNER SETS FOR "LITTLE MODERN MISS" ARE: EASY CURL QUICK HAIR SETTING KIT - AND EASY CURL WITH LIGHT-UP MIRROR VANITY.

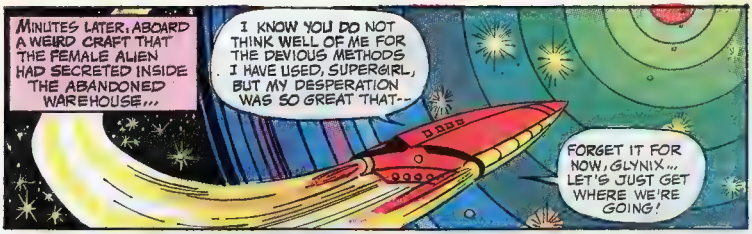

YOU MUST BE INSANE! IF I DIDN'T HAVE THE POWER TO SMOTHER THOSE EXPLOSIVES, WE BOTH WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD!
NO MATTER, SUPERGIRL, IF YOUR STRENGTH WERE ONLY A MYTH, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN NO USE TO ME!

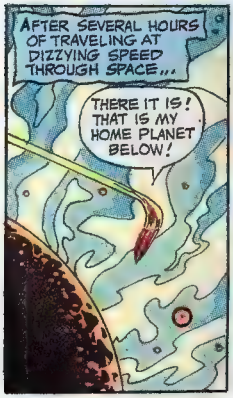
I'M LOSING MY PATIENCE. GET TO THE POINT!
I JOURNEYED TO EARTH NOT JUST TO TEST YOUR POWERS, BUT TO FORCE YOU TO RETURN WITH ME TO MY PLANET, LIQUEL II!


BUT WHY DID YOU GO AROUND COMMITTING CRIMES, POSING AS ME!?! WHY NOT JUST SEND ME A MESSAGE?
YOU DID GET THE MESSAGE! THAT'S WHAT SUPERGIRL'S CRIMES WERE ABOUT. AND THE ALIEN INSECTS I BROUGHT TO THIS PLANET WERE TO MAKE SURE YOU WOULD ACCOMPANY ME BACK TO MY PLANET!

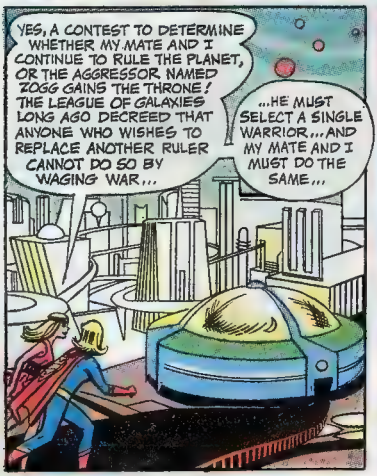

THE POISONOUS INSECTS HAVE INFECTED A NUMBER OF EARTH INHABITANTS, AND ONLY I HAVE THE ANTIDOTE!
WELL, I CALL THAT BLACKMAIL!

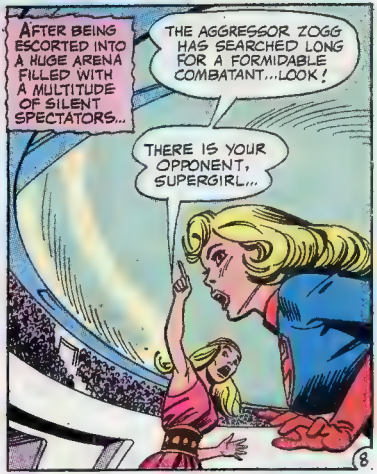
ALL RIGHT, YOU WIN!


MINUTES LATER, ABOARD A WEIRD CRAFT THAT THE FEMALE ALIEN HAD SECRETED INSIDE THE ABANDONED WAREHOUSE...
I KNOW YOU DO NOT THINK WELL OF ME FOR THE DEVIOUS METHODS I HAVE USED, SUPERGIRL, BUT MY DESPERATION WAS SO GREAT THAT--
FORGET IT FOR NOW, GLYNIX... LET'S JUST GET WHERE WE'RE GOING!


AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF TRAVELING AT DIZZYING SPEED THROUGH SPACE...
THERE IT IS! THAT IS MY HOME PLANET BELOW!

WE MUST HURRY, SUPERGIRL! IF WE'RE NOT INSIDE THE CIRCLE OF COMBAT BY THE TIME THE CONTEST IS TO BEGIN, THE AGGRESSOR'S CHAMPION WILL WIN BY DEFAULT!
CONTEST?


YES, A CONTEST TO DETERMINE WHETHER MY MATE AND I CONTINUE TO RULE THE PLANET, OR THE AGGRESSOR NAMED ZOGG GAINS THE THRONE! THE LEAGUE OF GALAXIES LONG AGO DECREED THAT ANYONE WHO WISHES TO REPLACE ANOTHER RULER CANNOT DO SO BY WAGING WAR...
...HE MUST SELECT A SINGLE WARRIOR... AND MY MATE AND I MUST DO THE SAME...


AFTER BEING ESCORTED INTO A HUGE ARENA FILLED WITH A MULTITUDE OF SILENT SPECTATORS...
THE AGGRESSOR ZOGG HAS SEARCHED LONG FOR A FORMIDABLE COMBATANT...LOOK!
THERE IS YOUR OPPONENT, SUPERGIRL...

YE GODS!
NOW YOU KNOW WHY I WAS SO DESPERATE TO HAVE SOMEONE AS INVINCIBLE AS YOU TO HELP US...

LARGYN'S MATE HAS RETURNED!
GLYNIX! WE FEARED YOU WOULD NOT MAKE IT BACK IN TIME! IS THIS--
SUPERGIRL, LARGYN--AND HER LEGENDARY POWERS ARE TRULY GREAT! I AM CERTAIN SHE WILL DEFEAT ZOGG'S CONTESTANT!
THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN! THE CHAMPION HE HAS BROUGHT IS SAID TO HAVE THE EVIL POWERS OF A THOUSAND DEMONS--IN ADDITION TO GREAT PHYSICAL STRENGTH!
P-PERHAPS MY MATE IS RIGHT, SUPERGIRL... IT JUST STRUCK ME HOW WRONG IT WAS FOR ME TO FORCE YOU INTO THIS TERRIBLE DANGER!
IT'S TRUE YOU BLACKMAILED ME INTO COMING HERE, GLYNIX, BUT YOU DID IT FOR YOUR PEOPLE --SO AT LEAST I'LL BE FIGHTING FOR A JUST CAUSE!
LOOK! THE SCAVENGER BIRDS HAVE BEEN RELEASED!
THAT IS THE SIGNAL FOR THE BATTLE TO BEGIN! I PRAY FOR YOUR SAFETY, SUPERGIRL!
UGH! THOSE SCAVENGER BIRDS ARE CIRCLING ABOVE...NO DOUBT THEY'RE WAITING TO CLAIM WHOEVER IS DEFEATED...
...I'D BETTER MAKE SURE IT ISN'T ME!
YOUR INVULNERABLE COMBATANT IS RUSHING FORWARD NOW, GREAT ZOGG! THE ANNIHILATION OF THE PUNY EARTHLING SHOULD TAKE LITTLE TIME!
THAT IS A CERTAINTY!...THE MOMENT I HAVE PATIENTLY AWAITED IS FINALLY AT HAND...SOON I SHALL RULE THE STUPID INHABITANTS OF THIS FRUITFUL PLANET!

AND SO IT BEGINS...THE MAID OF STEEL VERSUS A BEING OF UNKNOWN POWERS...
QUICKLY MOVING TO THE ATTACK, SUPERGIRL'S FORM BECOMES AN INVISIBLE BLUR AS SHE HURLS HER BODY FORWARD WITH LIGHTNING FORCE...
BUT SUDDENLY, THE IMPOSSIBLE OCCURS...
WHA--? I WENT RIGHT THROUGH HER BODY! --HOW COULD--?
--THEN, BEFORE SUPERGIRL CAN COMPREHEND THE STRANGE PHENOMENON-- AN INCREDIBLE FORCE STRIKES HER FROM ABOVE--
THUD!
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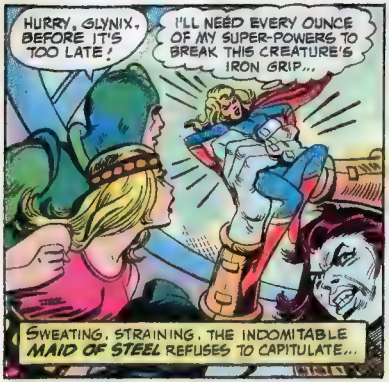
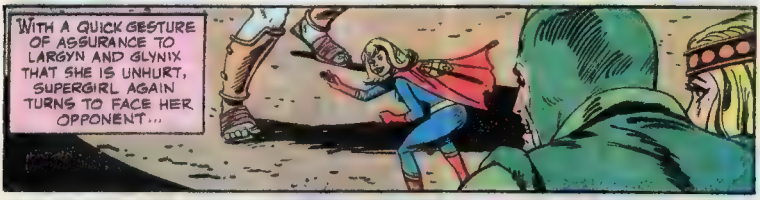
SUPERGIRL STRUGGLES TO RETAIN CONSCIOUSNESS...
...THE PAIN... UNBEARABLE... NEED A FEW SECONDS TO... CLEAR MY...
...BUT THOSE PRECIOUS SECONDS ARE DENIED THE INJURED MAID OF STEEL, AS HER INCREDIBLY POWERFUL ADVERSARY PRESSES THE ATTACK...
AAARG! SHE'S TRYING TO CRUSH ME IN HER HANDS...
GLYNIX! OUR CONTESTANT HASN'T A CHANCE! LET US DECLARE ZOGG THE NEW RULER AND STOP THIS BUTCHERY NOW!
A-ALL RIGHT, LARGYN-- I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR HAVING SUBJECTED SUPERGIRL TO THIS TERRIBLE ORDEAL!

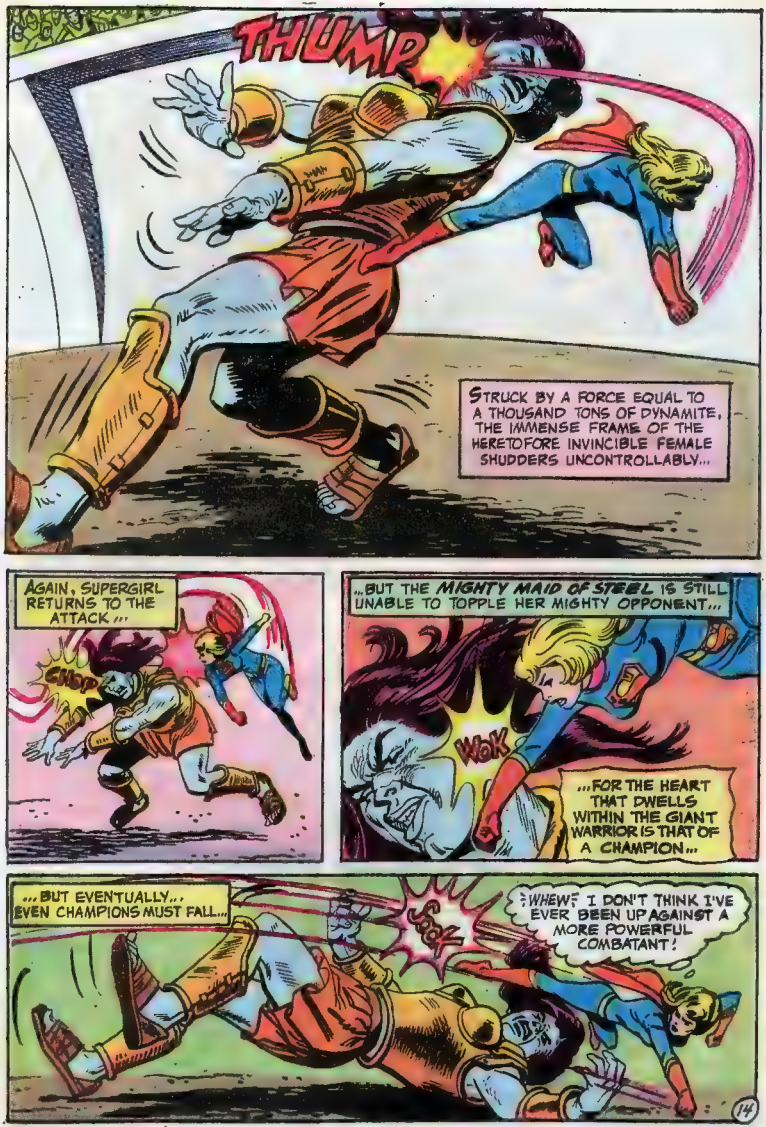

HURRY, GLYNIX, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
I'LL NEED EVERY OUNCE OF MY SUPER-POWERS TO BREAK THIS CREATURE'S IRON GRIP...
SWEATING, STRAINING, THE INDOMITABLE MAID OF STEEL REFUSES TO CAPITULATE...

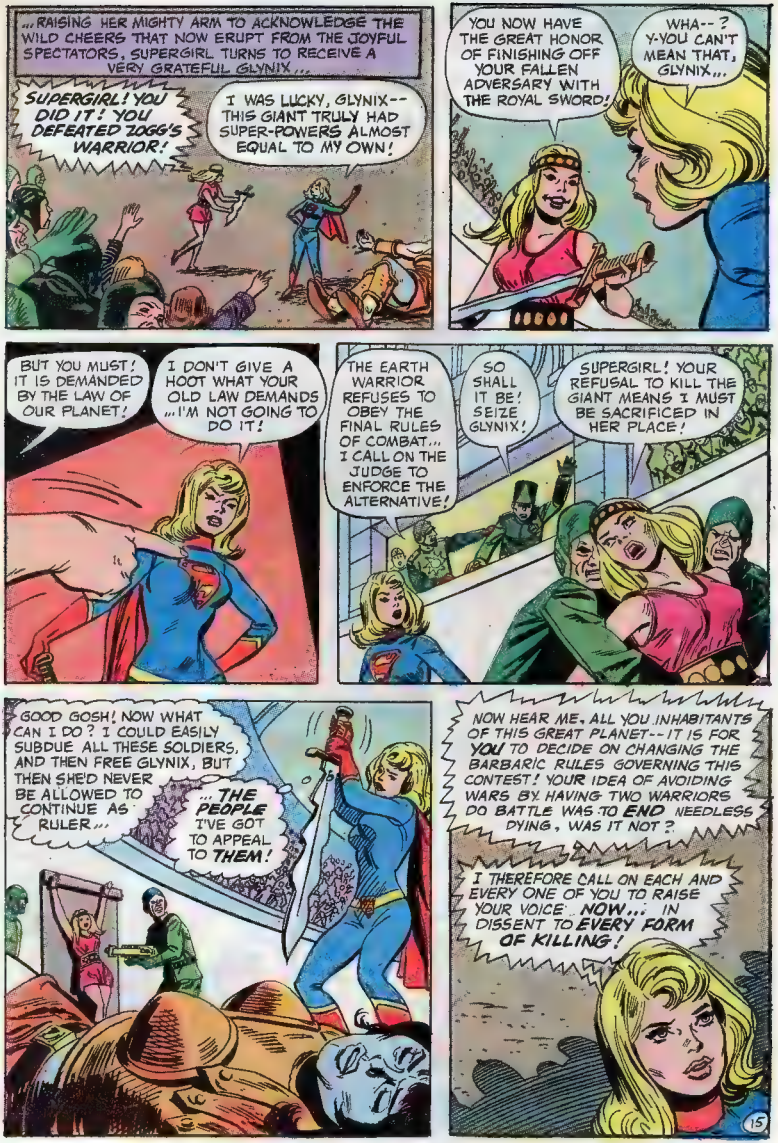
...THEN, MIRACULOUSLY, SHE IS FREE!
LARGYN, LOOK...
I DID IT!


WITH A QUICK GESTURE OF ASSURANCE TO LARGYN AND GLYNIX THAT SHE IS UNHURT, SUPERGIRL AGAIN TURNS TO FACE HER OPPONENT...

I COULDN'T HAVE LEAPED THROUGH THIS FEMALE CREATURE'S BODY BEFORE, BECAUSE THAT'S AN IMPOSSIBILITY... BUT SHE MADE ME THINK I DID, WHICH MEANS THAT SHE HYPNOTIZED ME JUST BEFORE I ATTACKED!
THIS TIME I'LL COUNTERACT HER HYPNOTIC POWERS BY USING MY HEAT VISION TO FUSE THE SAND OF THE ARENA INTO GLASS... AND CREATING A GLARE THAT WILL MOMENTARILY BLIND HER!

--IT WORKED! NOW I'VE GOT TO STRIKE QUICKLY!


THUMP
STRUCK BY A FORCE EQUAL TO A THOUSAND TONS OF DYNAMITE, THE IMMENSE FRAME OF THE HERETOFORE INVINCIBLE FEMALE SHUDDERS UNCONTROLLABLY...
AGAIN, SUPERGIRL RETURNS TO THE ATTACK...
CHOP
...BUT THE MIGHTY MAID OF STEEL IS STILL UNABLE TO TOPPLE HER MIGHTY OPPONENT...
WOK
...FOR THE HEART THAT DWELLS WITHIN THE GIANT WARRIOR IS THAT OF A CHAMPION...
...BUT EVENTUALLY... EVEN CHAMPIONS MUST FALL...
SOK
WHEW! I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN UP AGAINST A MORE POWERFUL COMBATANT!


...RAISING HER MIGHTY ARM TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WILD CHEERS THAT NOW ERUPT FROM THE JOYFUL SPECTATORS, SUPERGIRL TURNS TO RECEIVE A VERY GRATEFUL GLYNIX...
SUPERGIRL! YOU DID IT! YOU DEFEATED ZOGG'S WARRIOR!
I WAS LUCKY, GLYNIX--THIS GIANT TRULY HAD SUPER-POWERS ALMOST EQUAL TO MY OWN!
YOU NOW HAVE THE GREAT HONOR OF FINISHING OFF YOUR FALLEN ADVERSARY WITH THE ROYAL SWORD!
WHA--? Y-YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT, GLYNIX...
BUT YOU MUST! IT IS DEMANDED BY THE LAW OF OUR PLANET!
I DON'T GIVE A HOOT WHAT YOUR OLD LAW DEMANDS ...I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT!
THE EARTH WARRIOR REFUSES TO OBEY THE FINAL RULES OF COMBAT... I CALL ON THE JUDGE TO ENFORCE THE ALTERNATIVE!
SO SHALL IT BE! SEIZE GLYNIX!
SUPERGIRL! YOUR REFUSAL TO KILL THE GIANT MEANS I MUST BE SACRIFICED IN HER PLACE!
GOOD GOSH! NOW WHAT CAN I DO? I COULD EASILY SUBDUE ALL THESE SOLDIERS, AND THEN FREE GLYNIX, BUT THEN SHE'D NEVER BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AS RULER...
...THE PEOPLE I'VE GOT TO APPEAL TO THEM!
NOW HEAR ME, ALL YOU INHABITANTS OF THIS GREAT PLANET--IT IS FOR YOU TO DECIDE ON CHANGING THE BARBARIC RULES GOVERNING THIS CONTEST! YOUR IDEA OF AVOIDING WARS BY HAVING TWO WARRIORS DO BATTLE WAS TO END NEEDLESS DYING, WAS IT NOT?
I THEREFORE CALL ON EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO RAISE YOUR VOICE NOW... IN DISSENT TO EVERY FORM OF KILLING!
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THE RESPONSE TO SUPERGIRL'S INSPIRING PLEA COMES QUICKLY--
SHE'S RIGHT! FREE OUR RULER AND LET THE GIANT LIVE!
FREE THEM OR WE'LL DO IT OURSELVES!
YEAAA!
SOON AFTER, A HUSH FALLS OVER THE EXCITED MULTITUDE AS THE GREAT DEFEATED GIANT WARRIOR IS FREED AND UNSTEADILY WALKS FROM THE CIRCLE OF COMBAT...
..THEN, SUDDENLY, THE SULLEN FIGURE STOPS... SLOWLY, HER IMMENSE HEAD TURNS... AND A SMILE OF DEEP GRATITUDE CROSSES HER BATTERED FEATURES...
WELL, NOW THAT MY MISSION HERE IS COMPLETED--
NO, SUPERGIRL, YOU CANNOT LEAVE BEFORE MY MATE, LARGYN, AND I DECLARE A FEAST IN HONOR OF YOUR VICTORY!
A HOLLOW VICTORY I'M AFRAID, MY DEAR GLYNIX!
ZOGG!
NOT JUST ZOGG, MY DEAR-- PLEASE NOTE IT IS YOUR OWN ARMY THAT STANDS BEHIND ME AWAITING ANY ORDER I CHOOSE TO GIVE!
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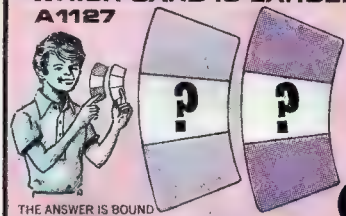

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THE ANSWER IS BOUND TO SURPRISE YOU— AND ANYBODY ELSE WHO GUESSES IT'S THE DARKER ONE BUT YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT UNTIL YOU TRY PUTTING THEM BACK TO BACK YOURSELF. A GREAT ILLUSION.

REVERSE ACTION ROCKET

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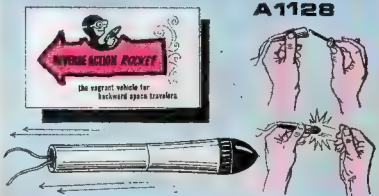

JUST PULL THE LUNGER OUT—SURPRISE —SURPRISE—THE FIRST STAGE ROCKET ZOOMS BACKWARD INTO THE BARREL. WHAT DOES IT? YOU'LL HAVE FUN WITH THIS ONE.

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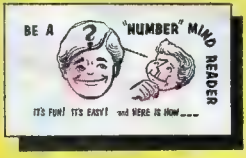

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WRONG, GLYNIX! LONG BEFORE OUR TWO WARRIORS MET IN THE CIRCLE OF COMBAT, YOUR MATE AND I REACHED AN AGREEMENT...
LARGYN! WHA--?
I NEVER THOUGHT SUPERGIRL HAD EVEN A REMOTE CHANCE OF WINNING...SO I...AGREED TO PERMIT ZOGG TO TAKE OVER OUR RULE...
...IN EXCHANGE FOR A HIGH POSITION FOR BOTH OF YOU IN MY CABINET, MY DEAR...
Y-YOU... MY OWN MATE... SOLD OUT TO THAT TYRANT?
PLEASE, GLYNIX, I'VE ALREADY GIVEN OUR ARMY ORDERS TO OBEY HIM--DON'T AROUSE HIS ANGER, I BEG OF YOU...
I WILL GIVE HER THIRTY SECONDS TO DECIDE WHETHER SHE CHOOSES TO JOIN ME OR BE DESTROYED!
...TWENTY SECONDS...
GLYNIX, PLEASE... H-HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS...
SHE'LL NEVER AGREE TO JOINING A TYRANT LIKE ZOGG...
...SO I'D BETTER ACT QUICKLY...
WHA--?
HAVING DEPOSITED GLYNIX HIGH ATOP THE ROOF OF THE ARENA OUT OF HARMS WAY, SUPERGIRL ZOOMS BACK TOWARDS ZOGG AND THE HUGE COLUMNS OF HEAVILY ARMED SOLDIERS...
NOW TO TRY AND CONVINCE ZOGG THAT HE'D BEST FORGET ABOUT RULING THIS PLANET'S INHABITANTS...

ALL RIGHT, ZOGG...I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU JUST ONE MORE CHANCE TO RELEASE LARGYN FROM THAT PHONY AGREEMENT...
YOU DARE TO THREATEN THE GREAT ZOGG, YOU STUPID EARTHLING...?
DESTROY HER, MEN! I, ZOGG, COMMAND IT!
BUT EVEN AS ZOGG SPEAKS, THE ELUSIVE SUPERGIRL DISAPPEARS IN A BLINDING FLASH OF SPEED...
...AND A FRACTION OF A SECOND LATER, HER FORM IS STILL A BLUR AS SHE STREAKS THROUGH THE STARTLED COLUMNS OF SOLDIERS...
?
...LEAVING EACH BEWILDERED WARRIOR WITH A WEAPON WHOSE BARREL NOW FACES IN A NEW DIRECTION...

SO! THE FEMALE EARTHLING THINKS DESTROYING THOSE SIMPLE SOLDIERS' WEAPONS WILL DEFEAT ME--
ZOGG! NOT THE SHOCK RAY!
TAP TAP
AND WHY NOT, LARGYN? THE SHOCK RAY IS THE MOST DEVASTATING WEAPON IN THE UNIVERSE--NO LIVING THING HAS EVER SURVIVED ITS FORCE!
BUT THAT WEAPON HAS BEEN OUTLAWED... EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED LONG AGO...
ALL BUT ONE, MY FRIEND--I'VE HAD IT SECRETED IN THAT SPOT FOR MANY YEARS...AND I'VE ALSO CARRIED THIS COMMAND COMMUNICATION UNIT WHICH ENABLES ME TO INSTRUCT THE ROBOT AT THE CONTROLS OF ITS TARGET...
LOOK! HERE COMES ITS TARGET INTO VIEW NOW!
ORDERS TO ROBOT... PREPARE TO EXECUTE FIRING...TARGET IS APPROXIMATELY FIFTY FEET AHEAD AND MOVING...
-FIRE!
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SUCCESS! THE EARTH INHABITANT IS FINISHED!
WHA--?
SH-SHE'S STILL... ALIVE!?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES! NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN STRUCK BY THE SHOCK RAY AND LIVED...
...ALL RIGHT THEN, YOU WHO POSSESS SUCH FANTASTIC INVULNERABILITY, LET US SEE YOU SURVIVE A SECOND BLAST...
NO! STOP...
GLYNIX!
LARGYN, SUPERGIRL CARRIED ME TO SAFETY WHILE SHE FOUGHT OUR BATTLES... YOU MUST STOP ZOGG BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! LET HIM RULE OUR PLANET, BUT PLEASE STOP HIM--
ZOGG! YOU HEARD... SAVE THE EARTHLING AND--
NO! THAT FEMALE WILL REMAIN A THREAT TO MY RULE SO LONG AS THERE IS LIFE IN HER BODY! SHE MUST BE DESTROYED!
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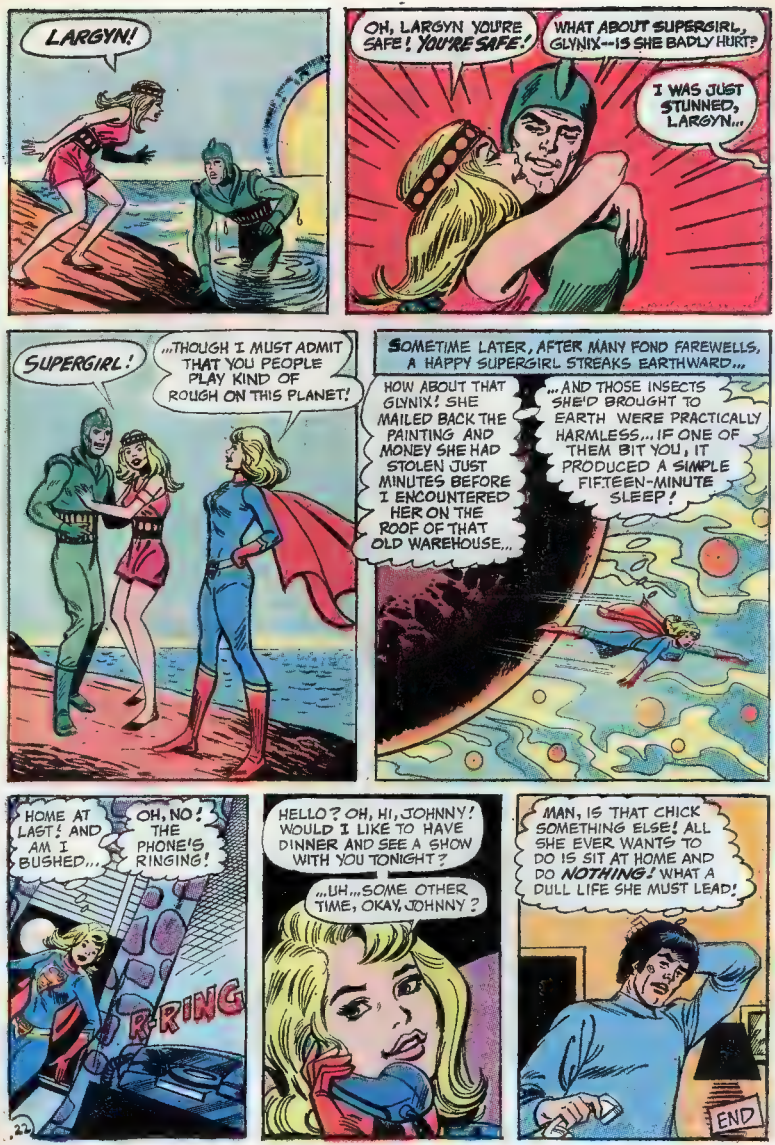
YOU? A WEAKLING LIKE YOU WOULD ATTEM?T TO STOP ME!
PERHAPS I AM WEAK... BUT ONLY OF MORAL CHARACTER-- NOT OF PHYSICAL STRENGTH!
ALL RIGHT, LARGYN--IF YOU ARE SO ANXIOUS TO END YOUR MISERABLE LIFE, I SHALL GLADLY OBLIGE...
THE LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE BEGINS...
...AND CONTINUES FOR LONG MINUTES ON THE PLANET'S DUSTY SURFACE... THEN DOWN A SLOPE...
...AND INTO THE COLD, CALM WATERS OF A MOAT...
THERE FOLLOWS AN EERIE SILENCE...
...UNTIL SECONDS LATER, WHEN A LONE FIGURE BEGINS TO SURFACE...
LARGYN...OH PLEASE LET IT BE LARGYN...


LARGYN!
OH, LARGYN YOU'RE SAFE! YOU'RE SAFE!
WHAT ABOUT SUPERGIRL, GLYNIX--IS SHE BADLY HURT?
I WAS JUST STUNNED, LARGYN...
SUPERGIRL!
...THOUGH I MUST ADMIT THAT YOU PEOPLE PLAY KIND OF ROUGH ON THIS PLANET!
SOMETIME LATER, AFTER MANY FOND FAREWELLS, A HAPPY SUPERGIRL STREAKS EARTHWARD...
HOW ABOUT THAT GLYNIX! SHE MAILED BACK THE PAINTING AND MONEY SHE HAD STOLEN JUST MINUTES BEFORE I ENCOUNTERED HER ON THE ROOF OF THAT OLD WAREHOUSE...
...AND THOSE INSECTS SHE'D BROUGHT TO EARTH WERE PRACTICALLY HARMLESS... IF ONE OF THEM BIT YOU, IT PRODUCED A SIMPLE FIFTEEN-MINUTE SLEEP!
HOME AT LAST! AND AM I BUSHED...
OH, NO! THE PHONE'S RINGING!
R-RING
HELLO? OH, HI, JOHNNY! WOULD I LIKE TO HAVE DINNER AND SEE A SHOW WITH YOU TONIGHT?
...UH... SOME OTHER TIME, OKAY, JOHNNY?
MAN, IS THAT CHICK SOMETHING ELSE! ALL SHE EVER WANTS TO DO IS SIT AT HOME AND DO NOTHING! WHAT A DULL LIFE SHE MUST LEAD!
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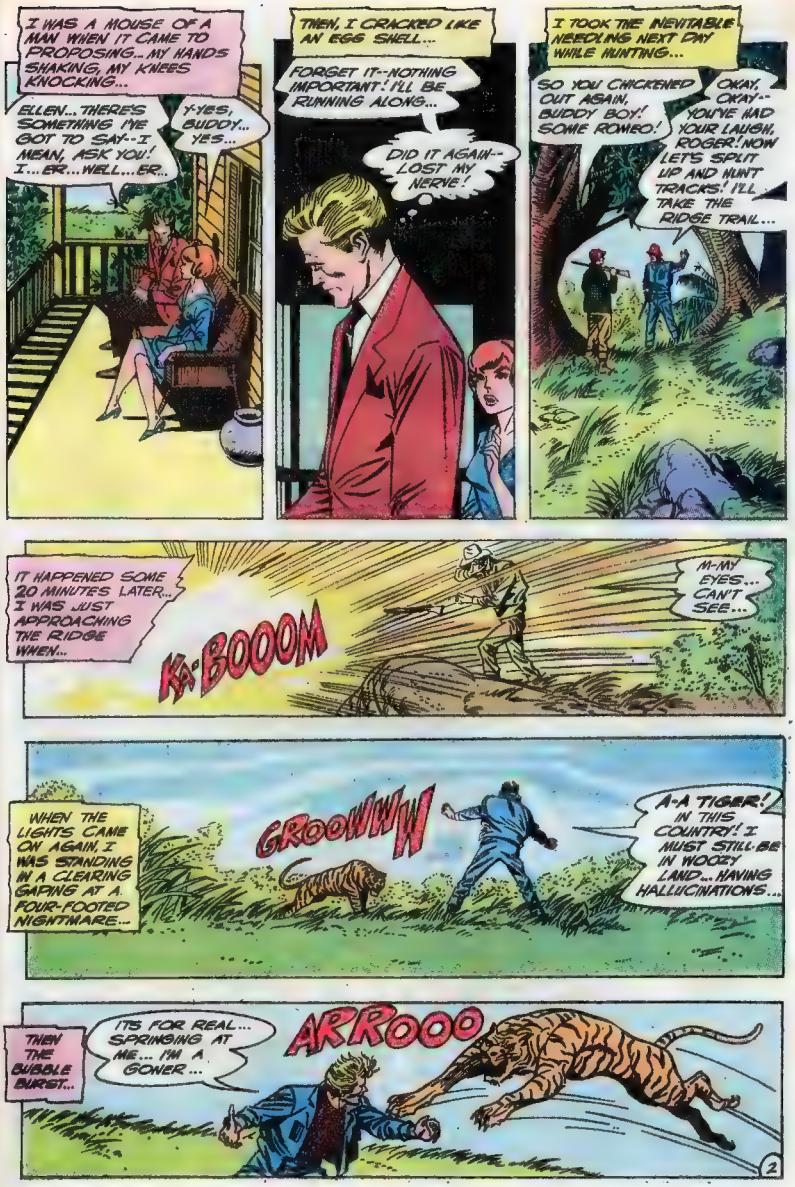
THERE I WAS IN THE WILDERNESS--ATTACKING A TEN-TON ELEPHANT THAT HAD GONE BERSERK! A FOOLHARDY ACTION FOR ANY MAN--ANY NORMAL MAN! BUT YOU SEE, I WAS MORE THAN THAT--I HAD SUDDENLY FOUND MYSELF GIFTED WITH INCREDIBLE ABILITIES THAT NO MORTAL MAN HAD EVER KNOWN, FOR...

I WAS THE MAN WITH ANIMAL POWERS


I WAS A MOUSE OF A MAN WHEN IT CAME TO PROPOSING... MY HANDS SHAKING, MY KNEES KNOCKING...
ELLEN... THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO SAY--I MEAN, ASK YOU! I... ER... WELL... ER...
Y-YES, BUDDY... YES...
THEN, I CRACKED LIKE AN EGG SHELL...
FORGET IT--NOTHING IMPORTANT! I'LL BE RUNNING ALONG...
DID IT AGAIN--LOST MY NERVE!
I TOOK THE INEVITABLE RIBBING NEXT DAY WHILE HUNTING...
SO YOU CHICKENED OUT AGAIN, BUDDY BOY! SOME ROMEO!
OKAY, OKAY--YOU'VE HAD YOUR LAUGH, ROGER! NOW LET'S SPLIT UP AND HUNT TRACKS! I'LL TAKE THE RIDGE TRAIL...
IT HAPPENED SOME 20 MINUTES LATER... I WAS JUST APPROACHING THE RIDGE WHEN...
KA-BOOOM
M-MY EYES... CAN'T SEE...
WHEN THE LIGHTS CAME ON AGAIN, I WAS STANDING IN A CLEARING GAPING AT A FOUR-FOOTED NIGHTMARE...
GROOWWW
A-A TIGER! IN THIS COUNTRY! I MUST STILL BE IN WOOZY LAND... HAVING HALLUCINATIONS...
THEN THE BUBBLE BURST...
IT'S FOR REAL... SPRINGING AT ME... I'M A GONER...
ARROOO
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I INSTINCTIVELY LEAPED TO ONE SIDE--AND THEN IT HAPPENED...
HUH...? I'M SPRINGING OFF THE GROUND... LIKE A...
...LIKE A TIGER! THIS IS ALL CRAZY... NOTHING'S MAKING ANY SENSE...HOW?
AAARG
AAARG
YI! NOW A GORILLA'S TRYING TO PLAY TAG WITH ME!
THE TIGER AGAIN! I'M CAUGHT BE-TWEEN THEM!
INSTINCTIVELY, I REACHED OUT TO PROTECT MYSELF...
NOT A CHANCE OF ESCAPING HIM THIS TIME!
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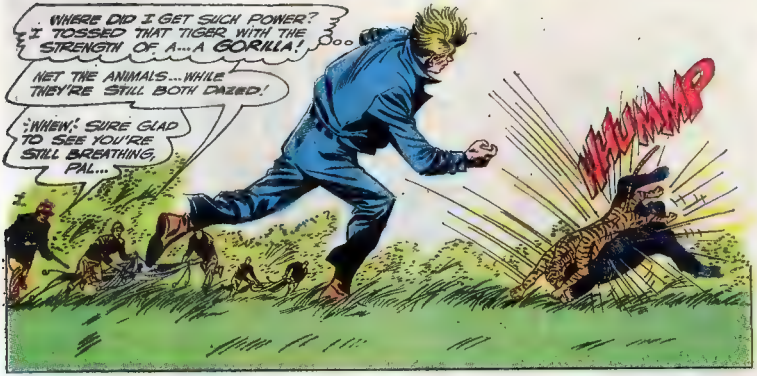
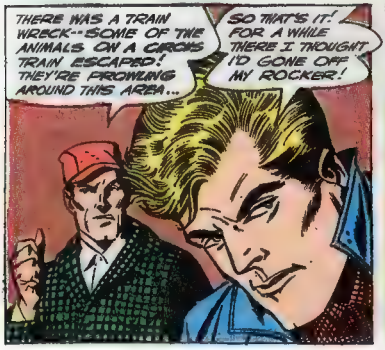
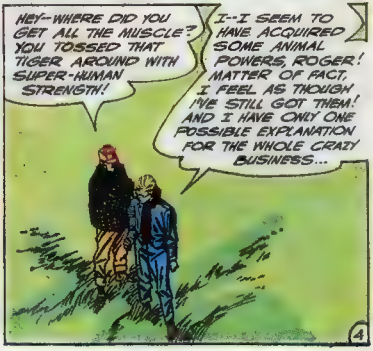
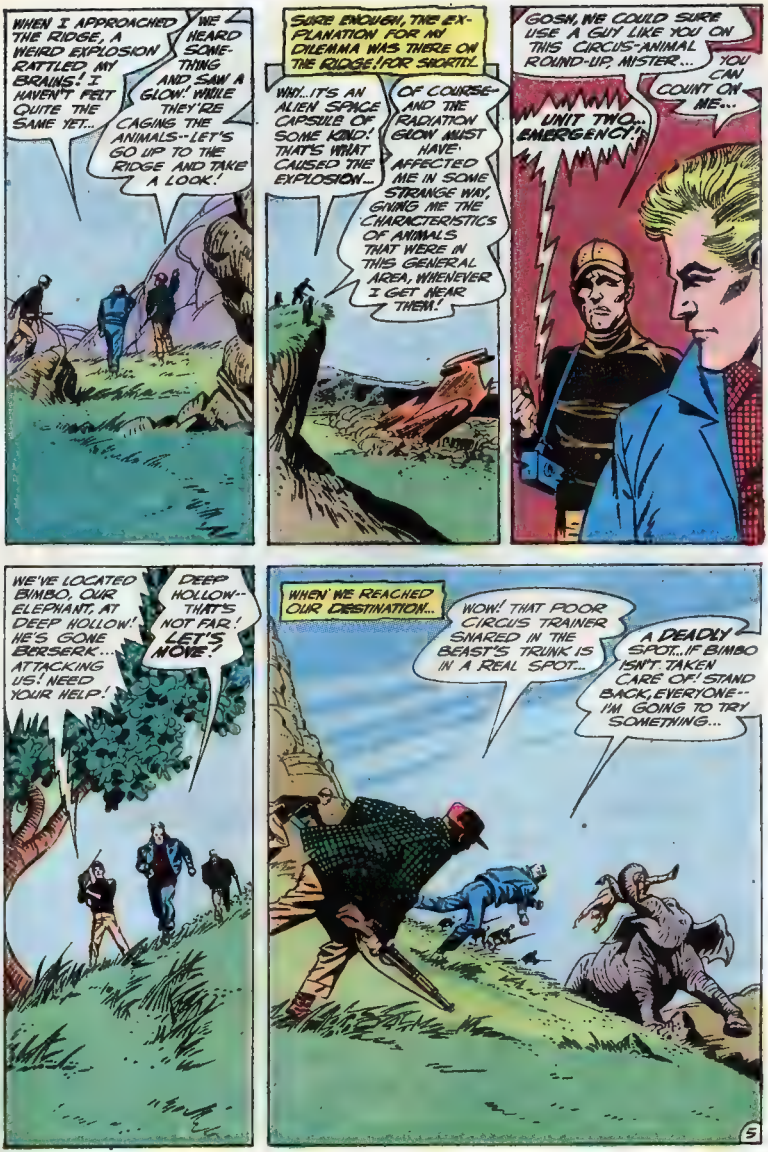
AS MY HANDS SHARED THE BEAST'S PAWS, A GREAT FEELING OF STRENGTH SURGED THROUGH MY ENTIRE BODY, AND...


...WHERE DID I GET SUCH POWER? I TOSSED THAT TIGER WITH THE STRENGTH OF A...A GORILLA!
NET THE ANIMALS...WHILE THEY'RE STILL BOTH DAZED!
WHEW! SURE GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE STILL BREATHING, PAL...
WHUMMP


THERE WAS A TRAIN WRECK--SOME OF THE ANIMALS ON A CIRCUS TRAIN ESCAPED! THEY'RE PROWLING AROUND THIS AREA...
SO THAT'S IT! FOR A WHILE THERE I THOUGHT I'D GONE OFF MY ROCKER!


HEY--WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THE MUSCLE? YOU TOSSED THAT TIGER AROUND WITH SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH!
I--I SEEM TO HAVE ACQUIRED SOME ANIMAL POWERS, ROGER! MATTER OF FACT, I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE STILL GOT THEM! AND I HAVE ONLY ONE POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THE WHOLE CRAZY BUSINESS...


WHEN I APPROACHED THE RIDGE, A WEIRD EXPLOSION RATTLED MY BRAINS! I HAVEN'T FELT QUITE THE SAME YET...
WE HEARD SOMETHING AND SAW A GLOW! WHILE THEY'RE CAGING THE ANIMALS--LET'S GO UP TO THE RIDGE AND TAKE A LOOK!
SURE ENOUGH, THE EXPLANATION FOR MY DILEMMA WAS THERE ON THE RIDGE! FOR SHORTLY...
WHY...IT'S AN ALIEN SPACE CAPSULE OF SOME KIND! THAT'S WHAT CAUSED THE EXPLOSION...
OF COURSE--AND THE RADIATION GLOW MUST HAVE AFFECTED ME IN SOME STRANGE WAY, GIVING ME THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ANIMALS THAT WERE IN THIS GENERAL AREA, WHENEVER I GET NEAR THEM!
GOSH, WE COULD SURE USE A GUY LIKE YOU ON THIS CIRCUS-ANIMAL ROUND-UP, MISTER...
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME...
UNIT TWO... EMERGENCY!
WE'VE LOCATED BIMBO, OUR ELEPHANT, AT DEEP HOLLOW! HE'S GONE BERSERK... ATTACKING US! NEED YOUR HELP!
DEEP HOLLOW--THAT'S NOT FAR! LET'S MOVE!
WHEN WE REACHED OUR DESTINATION...
WOW! THAT POOR CIRCUS TRAINER SNARED IN THE BEAST'S TRUNK IS IN A REAL SPOT...
A DEADLY SPOT...IF BIMBO ISN'T TAKEN CARE OF! STAND BACK, EVERYONE--I'M GOING TO TRY SOMETHING...
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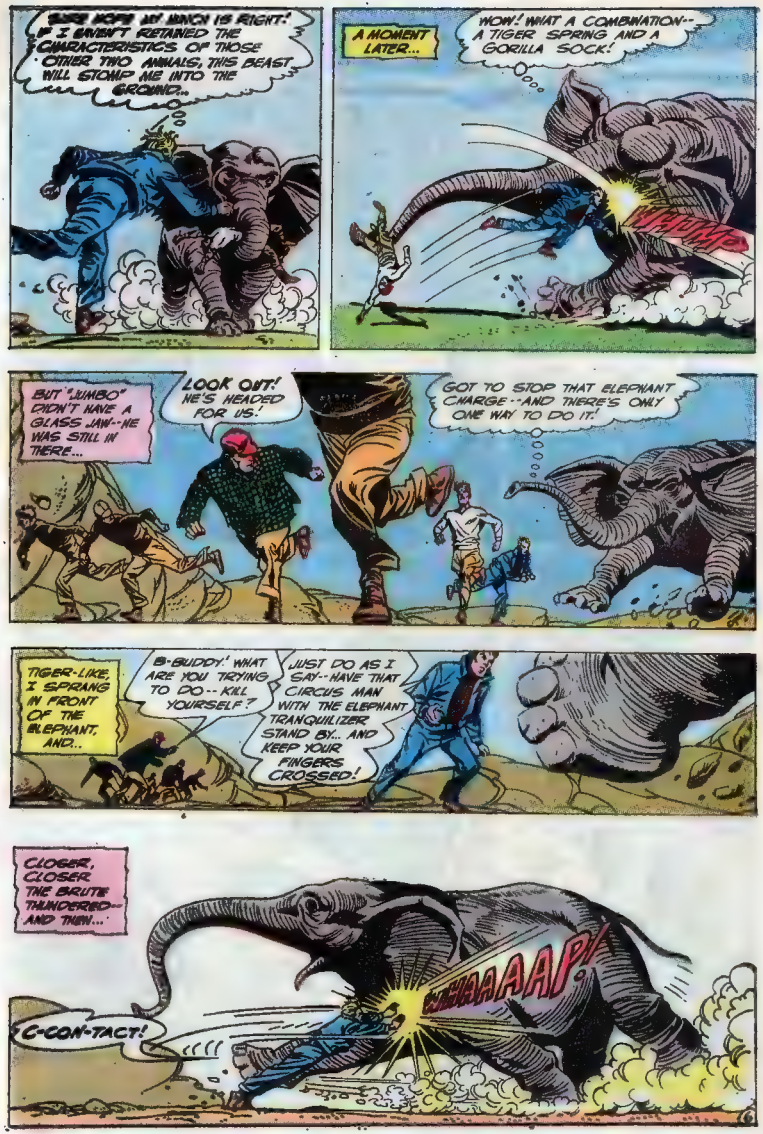
SURE HOPE MY HUNCH IS RIGHT! IF I DIDN'T RETAINED THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE OTHER TWO ANIMALS, THIS BEAST WILL STOMP ME INTO THE GROUND...
A MOMENT LATER...
WOW! WHAT A COMBINATION--A TIGER SPRING AND A GORILLA SOCK!
WHUMP
BUT "JUMBO" DIDN'T HAVE A GLASS JAW--HE WAS STILL IN THERE...
LOOK OUT! HE'S HEADED FOR US!
GOT TO STOP THAT ELEPHANT CHARGE--AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DO IT!
TIGER-LIKE, I SPRANG IN FRONT OF THE ELEPHANT, AND...
B-BUDDY! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO--KILL YOURSELF?
JUST DO AS I SAY--HAVE THAT CIRCUS MAN WITH THE ELEPHANT TRANQUILIZER STAND BY... AND KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED!
CLOSER, CLOSER THE BRUTE THUNDERED--AND THEN...
C-CON-TACT!
AAAAP!

THE IMPACT WAS A BONE-RATTLER--BUT MY SUSPICIONS PROVED TRUE!. I HAD ASSUMED THE ELEPHANT'S OWN MASSIVE STRENGTH...
YOU WITH THE HYPO-NEEDLE-- GET OVER HERE AND PUT HIM TO SLEEP! THIS DRAW WON'T LAST FOREVER!
THEN, AS BIMBO SWAYED INTO SLUMBERLAND...
UNITE TWO AND THREE! OUR SEA LION'S BEEN SIGHTED IN MIRROR LAKE! IT'S ATTACKING A GROUP OF PICNICKING KIDS!
HERE WE GO AGAIN! LET'S HOPE I CAN GET THERE IN TIME!
I RACED TO THE LAKE TO OBSERVE A FRIGHTENING SIGHT...
TOO LATE-- THE SEA LION'S UPTURNED THE RAFT! THOSE KIDS ARE FINISHED-- UNLESS I CAN BRING A NEW ANIMAL POWER INTO PLAY FAST ENOUGH...
I HIT THE SURFACE AND..
JUST AS I FIGURED... I'VE ACQUIRED THE SEA LION'S ABILITY TO SWIM! NOW IF I CAN ONLY REACH THAT BEAST IN TIME...
I GAVE IT ALL I HAD... AND A LITTLE MORE! BUT IT WAS STILL GOING TO BE A PHOTO-FINISH...
GOT TO MAKE IT-- GOT TO...
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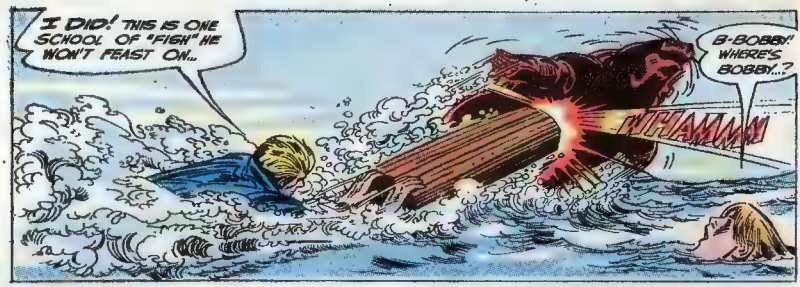
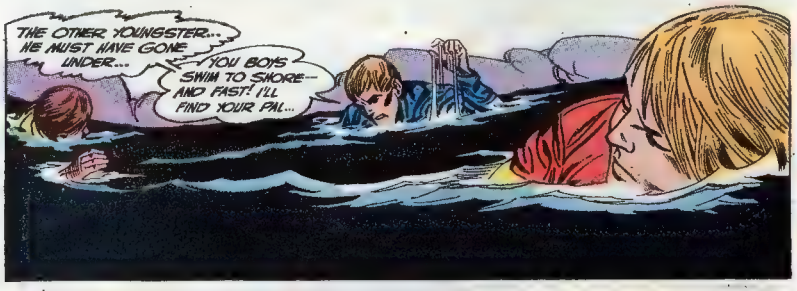
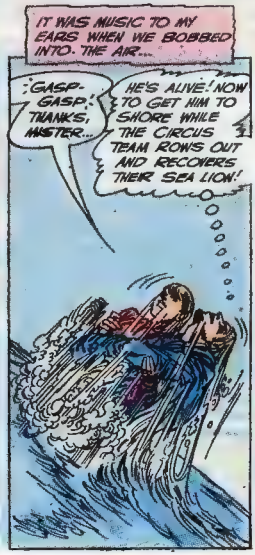
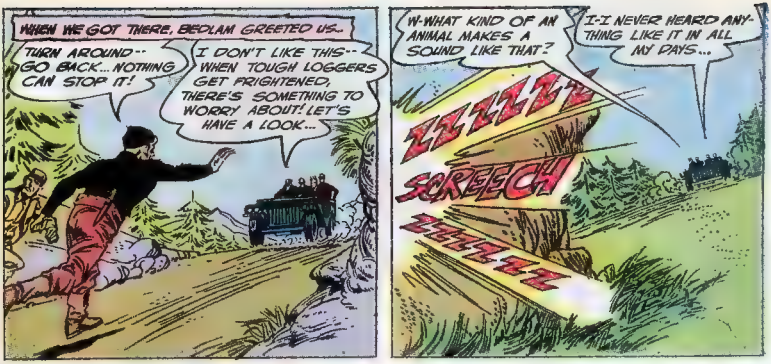

I DID! THIS IS ONE SCHOOL OF "FISH" HE WON'T FEAST ON..
B-BOBBY! WHERE'S BOBBY...?
CHAMMM!

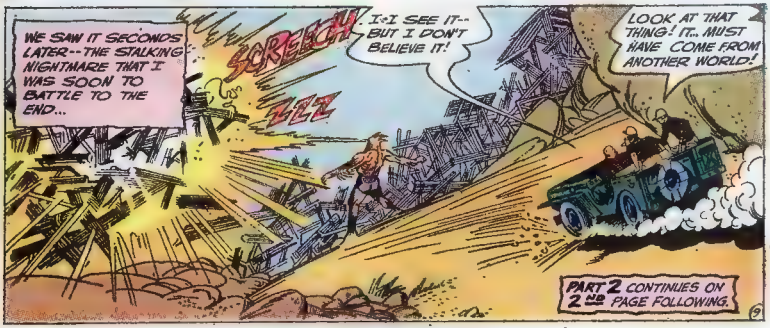

THE OTHER YOUNGSTER... HE MUST HAVE GONE UNDER...
YOU BOYS SWIM TO SHORE— AND FAST! I'LL FIND YOUR PAL...

DOWN I ZOOMED— UTILIZING ALL THE SEA LION KNOW-HOW I HAD AT MY COMMAND! FINALLY...
THERE'S THE LAD.. AND WITH THIS NEW WATER SKILL I HAVE, I MAY JUST BE ABLE TO GET HIM TO THE SURFACE IN TIME...


IT WAS MUSIC TO MY EARS WHEN WE BOBBED INTO THE AIR...
GASP- GASP! THANKS, MISTER...
HE'S ALIVE! NOW TO GET HIM TO SHORE WHILE THE CIRCUS TEAM ROWS OUT AND RECOVERS THEIR SEA LION!

I HAD JUST REJOINED ROGER AND THE OTHERS WHEN THE REPORT CAME IN THAT REALLY SHOOK US UP!
THE THING... WHATEVER IT IS... IS APPROACHING THE LOGGING CAMP NOW...
THING..? MUST BE SOME ANIMAL THEY'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH! LET'S GET OVER THERE...


WHEN WE GOT THERE, BEDLAM GREETED US..
TURN AROUND-- GO BACK...NOTHING CAN STOP IT!
I DON'T LIKE THIS-- WHEN TOUGH LOGGERS GET FRIGHTENED, THERE'S SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT! LET'S HAVE A LOOK...
W-WHAT KIND OF AN ANIMAL MAKES A SOUND LIKE THAT?
I-I NEVER HEARD ANY-THING LIKE IT IN ALL MY DAYS...
ZZZZZ
SCREECH
ZZZZZZ


WE SAW IT SECONDS LATER--THE STALKING NIGHTMARE THAT I WAS SOON TO BATTLE TO THE END...
SCREECH!
ZZZ
I-I SEE IT-- BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
LOOK AT THAT THING! IT.. MUST HAVE COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
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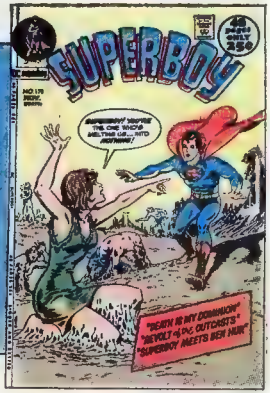
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Dear Editor:

Supergirl has never been more interesting or animate until now. Just to recap all you've done in the last ten months: new costumes, new adversaries, unpredictable powers, graduation from college, and an exciting new job. That is a great beginning. Of course, *Linda Danvers* and *Diana Prince do* seem similar to each other, but fans would do well to remember the two major differences between them. First, *Supergirl* is still a costumed heroine, where *Diana* is not. Second, *Diana willingly* gave up her powers, where *Linda* was tricked into taking that pill.

You seem to be interested in the "haunted house" theme, since at least four stories you've done in the past six months have some basis in it. "The Face in the Window" was terrific because of the assorted story elements you used. The streetcar incident was very well portrayed, and provided a striking contrast to the remainder of the tale. *Linda's* consternation at not seeing in the pictures the face she had seen before was fine, as was *Nasty's* part in this tale. I'm glad that the tables were turned on her. The rest of the tale smoothly progressed to a fitting conclusion. "Invasion of the Mermen" was extremely satisfying and worked to a suspenseful climax. Good show (as usual).

Gerard Triano, Elmont, N.Y.

(You overlooked one more difference between Supergirl *and* Wonder Woman. *The* Maid of Might *never completely lost her powers—they just faded out from time to time, but always returned soon.* Diana *lost all her powers—and they haven't returned.* —E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

How do you pronounce *Nasthalthia?*

Christopher Paul Groves, Vincentown, N.J.

(Nasty's *name is pronounced Nas-THAL-thee-uh.* -E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

Adventure 408 had something that has been lacking in *Supergirl* before the recent changes in the character—a good story. So many *Supergirl* stories have been very poor. The art was good, but the stories were somewhat childish.

I would like to thank you for stories dealing with the supernatural, something a lot of people would not write about. The artwork was great, but another *two-parter?*

It's great the way you have *Linda* always worrying about having *Nasthalthia* on her back. But why do a lot of DC villains have such weird names? For years, in *Superman*, you've had *Mr. Mxyzptlk;* now you have *Nasthalthia.* What name will you use next—*Qwertyuiopasdfghjklzxcvbnm?* Tell me how to say that!?

Todd Wallace, St. Paul, Minn.

(Sorry—we can tell you how to pronounce the names of the villains we use—but you'll have to figure out the one you made up yourself. Or maybe the typewriter company can tell you, since you really got it from their keyboard. —E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

Allow me to flatter myself by saying that perhaps it may have crossed your mind that I've recently stopped writing, whereas I used to write regularly. Perhaps, but I doubt it. Anyway, the reason is not because *Supergirl* no longer interests me, but because *Adventure Comics* has become so stupendous that I'm struck mute! The characters are very real, very warm, and more importantly, very human. At last *Supergirl* has a personality and life all her own! My delight is beyond expression!

In my opinion, your crowning masterpiece was the cover story of #408, "The Face at the Window." Even though the cover was not "action-packed", it kept me intrigued from the first panel to the last. The conversation was the cleverest and most realistic I've read in a comic mag. The mysterious atmosphere was welcome, and a story which didn't feature *Nasty* was refreshing. I've rather tired of her, although she's an excellent antagonist for *Linda.*

The second story had a somewhat disappointing beginning, but my confidence in you is such that I'm sure you'll save it with a sensational ending next ish. Really, green-skinned mermen and the new *Supergirl* do not go well together.

Margie Spears, Ambler, Pa.

(They didn't go together at all—they weren't even friends! The only green-skinned guy Supergirl *ever went with was* Brainiac 5, *of the* Legion of Super-Heroes. —E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

This is a letter of protest, praise, and advice.

I protest! I don't like what's being done to *Superman* and *Supergirl.* The loss of powers, I mean. Get rid of it, *fast.*

Next, congratulations. I love how you've humanized *Superman* and *Supergirl* emotionally. Thank you for taking *Linda* out of college; I thought she'd *never* make it. Oh, and incidentally, I love the idea of *Supergirl* having a whole super-wardrobe. Being a girl, she deserves a change. I love *Nasty* (I mean I hate her, of course, but I love her as an adversary for *Supergirl).* I also love *Linda's* job and *Geoff.*

Which brings us to advice. Linda seems to like *Geoff,* but what about *Dick Malverne?* Now, I know what you're going to say. That *Dick* was just a high-school sweetheart. But he could come to San Francisco. Besides, now that *Lana Lang* is no longer an equal rival with *Lois Lane* for *Superman's* love, why can't *Linda* have two men fighting over her?

Sandy Albrecht, Audubon, N.J.

(She just might—and without bringing Dick *back. Or haven't you noticed the way her co-worker,* Johnny, *has been eyeing her?* —E.N.B.)

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CHAPTER 2 I WAS the Man with Animal Powers

FOR A LONG MOMENT WE STOOD THERE GAPING AT THE THING... SPEECHLESS! ROGER FINALLY BLURTED OUT A REMARK--A QUESTION THAT PLAGUED US ALL...

LOOK AT THAT THING! WHAT IS IT? WHERE DID IT COME FROM...?

ROGER! THE CAPSULE THAT CRASH-LANDED..THAT GAVE ME THESE STRANGE ANIMAL POWERS...

IT MUST HAVE COME FROM IT... SURVIVED THE CRASH...

OF COURSE... THAT'S THE ONLY LOGICAL EXPLANATION! BUDDY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

AFTER THAT THING--DEFEAT IT WITH MY ANIMAL POWERS, IF POSSIBLE! KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED, ROGER...

THE AWESOME HULK SPOTTED ME SECONDS LATER--COMING AT HIM ON THE DEAD RUN! THAT'S WHEN HE GAVE ME HIS FULL ATTENTION...

ZEROED ME IN WITH THOSE BLOCKBUSTER EYE BEAMS... BUT MY ELEPHANT POWER IS STRONG ENOUGH TO RESIST THEM! I'LL GET IN CLOSE... TRY A GORILLA BLOW ON HIM...

MY ATTACK PLAN WORKED PERFECTLY--BUT...
HUH...? THE THING DIDN'T EVEN BLINK AN EYE--IT'S MORE POWERFUL THAN I THOUGHT!
GGGG
WHAAMMM
OH-OH...IT'S TRYING TO GET ITS PAWS ON ME... GOT TO FIGHT IT OFF!
BUT I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE...
AAAAARROO
IT HANDLED ME LIKE A BABY!... GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING FAST... MY HUMAN BODY WILL NEVER SURVIVE THE FALL...
INSTINCTIVELY, GORILLA-LIKE, I LUNGED OUT AND...
WHEW! MY ANIMAL POWERS SAVED ME AGAIN! BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN THOSE POWERS TO STOP THAT HULK... I NEVER THOUGHT EVEN AN ALIEN CREATURE WOULD HAVE SUCH ENORMOUS STRENGTH!
HUH? THAT BIG HULK IS TAKING OFF LIKE A... A TIGER--A SUPER-TIGER!

OF COURSE! IT WAS EXPOSED TO THE SAME RADIATION I WAS WHEN THE CAPSULE CRASHED--AND IT MUST HAVE PASSED CLOSE TO THE SAME ANIMALS I DID!
BUT BEING CLOSER TO THE RADIATION... ON TOP OF IT... THE CREATURE HAS ACQUIRED THE POWERS OF THOSE ANIMALS--MULTIPLIED MANY TIMES! AND IT'S HEADED TOWARD TOWN--GOT TO GO AFTER IT!
MOMENTS LATER, AS I BOUNDED INTO TOWN...
Y-YIPES! IT'S ATTACKING US!
IT'S GOING AFTER THOSE FOLKS IN THE TOWN HALL! GOT TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO DISTRACT THE CREATURE... WAIT A MINUTE! THAT TAILOR SHOP GIVES ME AN IDEA...
TAILOR
IT WAS A LONG SHOT--A GAMBLE... BUT IT HAD TO WORK...
THAT'S IT, PAL... TAKE A GOOD LOOK... BUILD UP YOUR CURIOSITY AND INVESTIGATE...
UGLY-LOOKING THING, AREN'T YOU! COME ON... TAKE A CLOSER LOOK... DO SOME SNOOPING...
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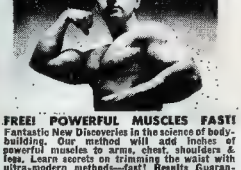

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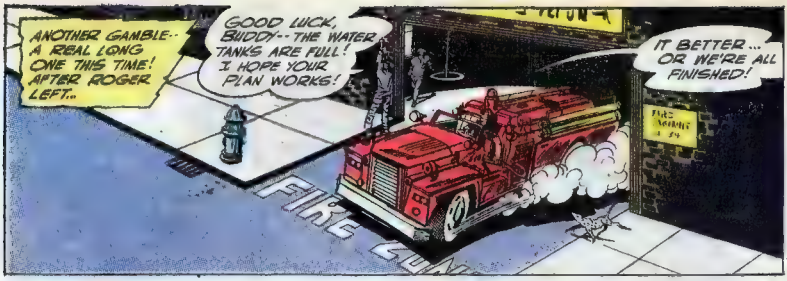
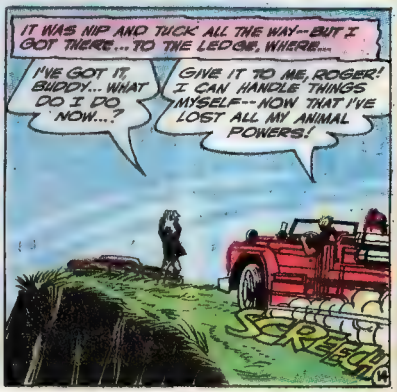
HEY.. I DIDN'T GET AS MUCH DISTANCE OUT OF THIS TIGER LEAP! SOMETHING'S WRONG... MY ANIMAL POWERS... THEY'RE FADING AWAY...
THAT'S WHEN IT HIT ME--A FRIGHTENING FACT ROCKED MY MIND...
THE RADIATION... IT'S WEARING OFF... I'M LOSING MY ANIMAL POWERS! WITHOUT THEM, I HAVEN'T ANY CHANCE OF STOPPING THIS CREATURE...
IT CAN RUN RAMPANT... DESTROY EVERYTHING... EVERYONE!
BUDDY! WE SAW YOU IN ACTION AGAINST THAT MONSTER-- YOU WERE GREAT! AND I CALLED YOU A "MOUSE OF A MAN"... WAIT UNTIL ELLEN HEARS ABOUT THIS!
ROGER! YOU'VE JUST GIVEN ME A POSSIBLE WAY TO DEFEAT THIS BEAST! DON'T ASK ANY QUESTIONS... JUST DO AS I SAY...
H-HUH? SURE... SURE, BUDDY!


ANOTHER GAMBLE-- A REAL LONG ONE THIS TIME! AFTER ROGER LEFT...
GOOD LUCK, BUDDY-- THE WATER TANKS ARE FULL! I HOPE YOUR PLAN WORKS!
IT BETTER... OR WE'RE ALL FINISHED!
FIRE ALARM
FIRE

THREE BLOCKS LATER, I CAUGHT UP WITH THE THING-- AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON...
WHIRRR
IT'S ABOUT TO TEAR THE HOTEL DOWN... THIS BETTER ATTRACT HIS ATTENTION...

I GAVE IT THE HOSE AN INSTANT LATER...
GROOOWWW
FUSSH
THAT'S IT.. COME AFTER ME, BUSTER...

THE BEAST OBLIGED--ALMOST TOO QUICKLY...
WOW! NEARLY CAUGHT ME THAT TIME! HOPE THIS ENGINE CAN OUTRUN THAT HULK TO THE LEDGE... I COULDN'T BEGIN TO HANDLE IT-- I FEEL NORMAL AGAIN!


IT WAS NIP AND TUCK ALL THE WAY--BUT I GOT THERE... TO THE LEDGE, WHERE...
I'VE GOT IT, BUDDY... WHAT DO I DO NOW...?
GIVE IT TO ME, ROGER! I CAN HANDLE THINGS MYSELF-- NOW THAT I'VE LOST ALL MY ANIMAL POWERS!
SCREECH

HERE IT IS... BREATHING DOWN MY THROAT! THIS BETTER WORK...
I TOOK A DEEP BREATH AND WENT INTO MY ACT...
YAAA! GO AHEAD, PAL... ASSUME THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THESE ANIMALS...
THAT'S IT... CRINGE... FLEE LIKE A FRIGHTENED MOUSE...
IT'S WORKING... THE THING'S ACQUIRED THE INSTINCTIVE FEAR OF THESE MICE...
I LUNGED FORWARD WITH THE ONLY WEAPON I HAD--A CAGE FILLED WITH MICE...
BUDDY BOY--YOU DID IT!
AAAARROOO
THE MICE FROM THE PET SHOP FRIGHTENED THAT THING OVER THE CLIFF...TO ITS DOOM!
;WHEW! I WASN'T SURE, BUT I WAS RELYING ON THE FACT THAT THERE WERE FIELD MICE AROUND IN THE RADIATION AREA--AND THE CREATURE WOULD THEREFORE HAVE THEIR POTENTIAL CHARACTERISTIC!
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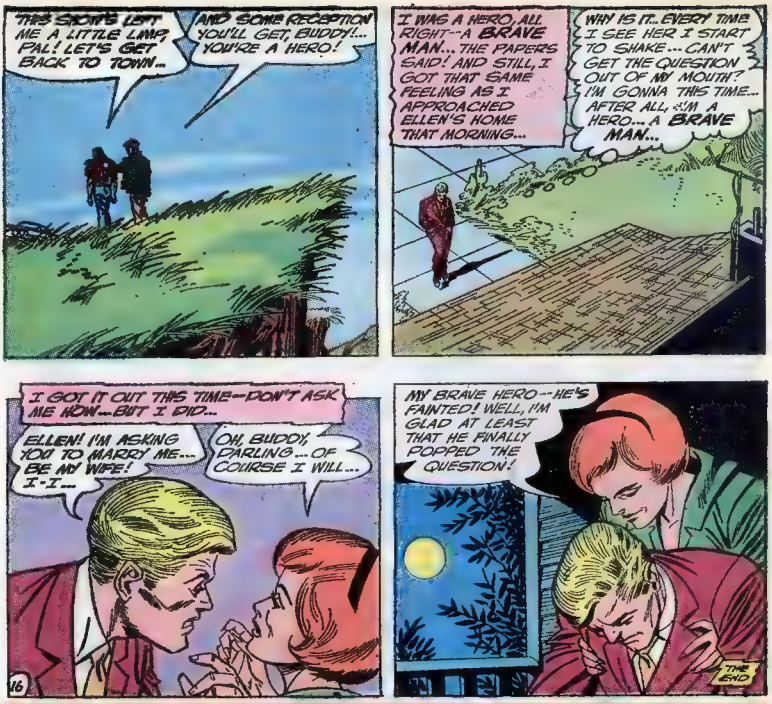
THIS SHOWS LEFT ME A LITTLE LIMP, PAL! LET'S GET BACK TO TOWN...
AND SOME RECEPTION YOU'LL GET, BUDDY!... YOU'RE A HERO!
I WAS A HERO, ALL RIGHT--A BRAVE MAN... THE PAPERS SAID! AND STILL, I GOT THAT SAME FEELING AS I APPROACHED ELLEN'S HOME THAT MORNING...
WHY IS IT.. EVERY TIME I SEE HER I START TO SHAKE... CAN'T GET THE QUESTION OUT OF MY MOUTH? I'M GONNA THIS TIME... AFTER ALL, I'M A HERO... A BRAVE MAN...
I GOT IT OUT THIS TIME--DON'T ASK ME HOW... BUT I DID...
ELLEN! I'M ASKING YOU TO MARRY ME... BE MY WIFE! I-I...
OH, BUDDY, DARLING... OF COURSE I WILL...
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MY BRAVE HERO--HE'S FAINTED! WELL, I'M GLAD AT LEAST THAT HE FINALLY POPPED THE QUESTION!
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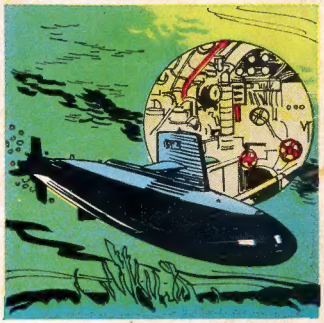

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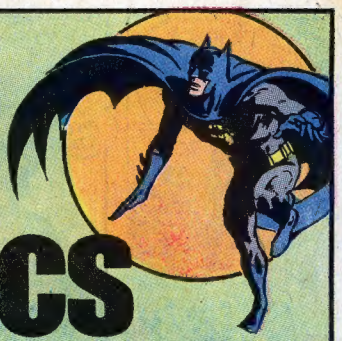

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